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U.S.-Sudan relations

- President Bush addressed yesterday a ceremony at the United States Holocaust Museum and affirmed that the Sudanese government must accept U.N. support forces, facilitate the deployment of a full U.N-African Union peacekeeping force, and stop supporting violent militias. "The world needs to act. If President Al-Bashir does not meet his obligations, the United States of America will act. The U.S. would tighten economic sanctions on Sudan, barring certain companies from taking part in the U.S. financial system; target sanctions on individuals responsible for violence; and apply new sanctions against the government of Sudan. I will direct the Secretary of State to prepare a new United Nations Security Council resolution. This resolution will apply new sanctions against the government of Sudan — and against individuals found to be violating human rights or obstructing the peace process. It will impose an expanded embargo on arms sales to the government of Sudan." Sudanese Ambassador to Washington John Ukec Lueth belittled the impact of President Bush's threats, saying that his statement did not contain anything new. Lueth reaffirmed the government's commitment to implementing the agreement reached with the UN on the Heavy Support Package. (*Al-Sahafa, Al-Rai Al-Aam, et al*)

President Al-Bashir blames Sudan's problems on Western intelligence organizations

- President Al-Bashir stated yesterday that all the problems facing Sudan are created by western intelligence organs and organizations, adding that the American administration is the major cause of these problems. Addressing a celebration held in Nile River State, Al-Bashir stated that all the rebel movements in the world are described as terrorist organizations, but any group in Sudan that holds arms against the government is described as a

"deprived" and "marginalized" group. President Al-Bashir added that Sudan is facing a major plot launched by the United States, saying that this plot is part of a conspiracy that targets several countries. (*SUNA, Al-Rai Al-Aam, et al*)

Minister of Interior: Situation in Sudan is stable

- Sudanese Minister of Interior Al-Zubeir Taha yesterday addressed the Parliament, where he assured MPs that the overall security situation in the country is stable. Taha accused Western countries of escalating the crisis in Darfur by providing political support to rebel groups despite these countries' professed support for the Darfur Peace Agreement. (*Alwan*)

Eritrean President to visit Sudan on Sunday

- Eritrean President Issias Afwerki will arrive in Khartoum next Sunday on an official visit. Afwerki will meet his counterpart Al-Bashir and other high-ranking officials. Afwerki has been leading a mediation to bring the non-signatories to Abuja agreement on board to the peace process. (*Sudan Vision*)

Quote of the Day

"Agreeing to the UN support package does not mean that the Government has agreed to the deployment of UN forces to Darfur." – Minister of Defense Abdel Raheem Huseein.

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